[18th August 1955

Local Fund dispensaries in Tiruchirappalli district.

* 2103 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Local Fund dispensaries which remain closed in the Tiruchirappalli district; and

(*b*) the steps taken by the Government for making these dispensaries function?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Nil, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Starred Question No. 2104 not to be taken up on 19th August 1955.

Recommendations of the Jail Reforms Committee

* 2105 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any of the main recommendations of the Jail Reforms Committee have been implemented by Government up till now;

(*b*) if so, what are the steps taken;

(*c*) whether the Government have any proposal to make Members of the Legislature visitors of jails within their districts; and

(*d*) whether the Government have appointed any officers to inspect the conditions of Police lock-ups periodically and report to the Government; and if so, the particulars of those officers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) A statement[a] containing the information is placed on the table of the House.

" (*c*) No, Sir.

" (*d*) No officer has been specially appointed for the purpose, but inspecting officers of and above the rank of Inspectors of Police inspect the Police lock-ups during their visits or inspections of the Police stations and record any defects noticed by them in their inspection reports. In the Madras City, officers of the Public Works Department and magistrates also inspect the Police lock-ups periodically."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, the indecent sight of under-trials bathing in the open before crowded courts is a common phenomenon in this State inasmuch as sub-jails have no provision for bathing in privacy. Will the Government take this as a part of the jail reform and implement it as soon as possible? This has been referred to on the floor of this House more than once."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I do not know whether it is indecent sight, because we are accustomed to bathing in public. But still the matter is under the consideration of the Government."

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[a] **Printed as Appendix I on page 93 infra**